



E-Read Texas:  
TSLAC, Biblionix, DPLA & Amigos

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## E-Read Texas!

TSLAC Director's Blog



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### E-Read Texas – TSLAC E-book project

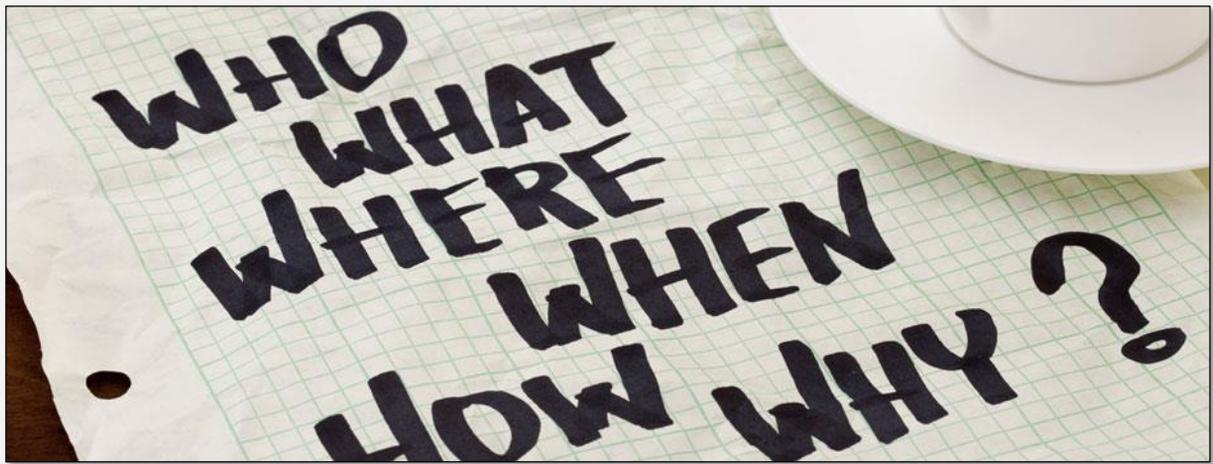


I am excited to announce the launch of E-Read Texas, a new statewide initiative to bring E-books to Texans through libraries, starting with small community libraries in all parts of the state.

The E-Read Texas program will provide e-book content via an easy-to-use platform that will allow readers to simultaneously see TSLAC content alongside any provided by their local libraries.

TSLAC has signed an agreement with Amigos Library Services to implement SimplyE, an open source e-book application, in small community libraries across the state, starting with those using the Biblionix Apollo integrated library system. In July and August, Amigos will work with those libraries to make the application available to their customers. In September, TSLAC will make e-books available to libraries and readers across Texas. Any library that has enabled the SimplyE application will be able to easily offer E-Read Texas content alongside whatever e-books DPLA currently offering through other providers.

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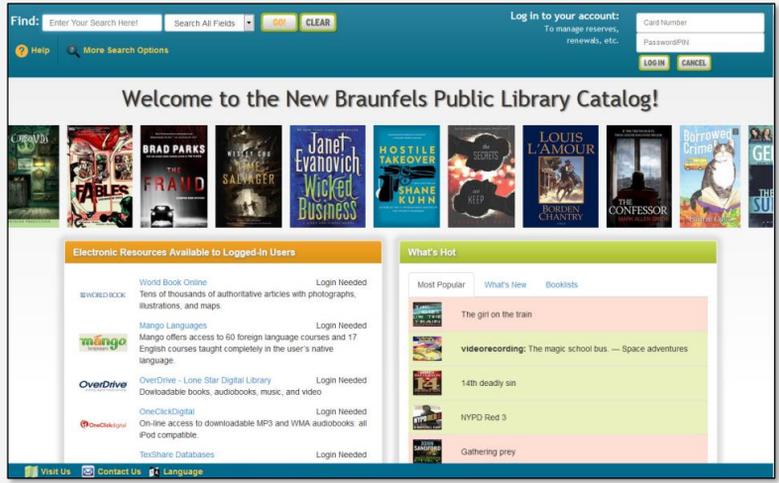


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Who?

# You!

- Texas public libraries
- Apollo Biblionix



# What?

## What . . .

- Does it cost?
- Is this project?
- Is SimplyE?
- If I don't have ebooks?
- If I do have ebooks?
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- About Kindle?
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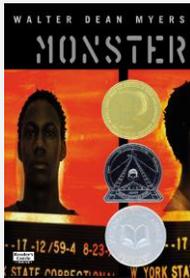
## E-Read Texas

- TSLAC will create a statewide collection of ebooks
- Ebooks will be available using the SimplyE app
  - Libraries work with Amigos for set-up
  - Patrons can read TSLAC-provided ebooks alongside their own ebooks



## What Content will E-Read Texas Offer?

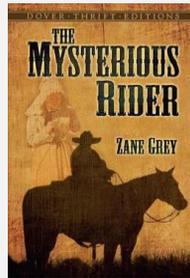
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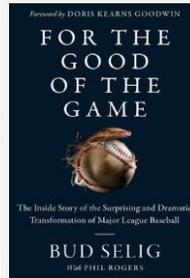
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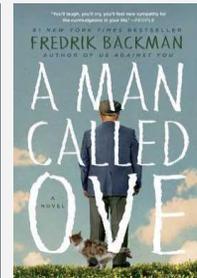
Classics



Genre Fiction



Popular Non-Fiction



Popular Fiction

## Collection Scope



- Intended to complement collections maintained by small and medium-sized community libraries in Texas.
- Materials chosen will only consist of adult titles at this time, including fiction, young adult crossover, and popular non-fiction. The collection will include English and Spanish language e-books. The collection will not include erotica or reference materials.

## Selection Criteria

- Collection scope and subject priorities
- Timeliness of the material/date of publication
- Current and potential relevance to the needs of the communities served
- Author expertise
- Publisher reputation and editorial model
- Whether the title is part of a series that should be completed
- Awards the title has received
- Language of the publication
- Suitability of material for the intended audience
- Reviews from professional journals and reviewers
- Existing gaps and strengths of the collection
- Representation of diverse points of view
- Significance of the work to local, regional, or state interests
- Licensing model (unlimited simultaneous use/perpetual access preferred; caps on metered usage are strongly discouraged)

## Copies and Holds

Perpetual non-metered access is preferred!

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America's libraries are committed to promoting literacy and a love of reading with diverse collections, programs and services for all ages. In an increasingly digital world, our libraries are investing more in eBooks and downloadable media. And millions of people discover and explore new and favorite authors through both our digital and print collections.

But now one publisher has decided to limit readers' access to new eBook titles through their libraries.

Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers will allow libraries to purchase only one copy of each new eBook title for the first eight weeks after a book's release.

Readers cannot stay silent! We need your help!

This embargo would limit libraries' ability to provide access to information for all. It particularly harms library patrons with disabilities or learning issues. One of the great things about eBooks is that they can become large-print books with only a few clicks, and

But sometimes we can't avoid limits:

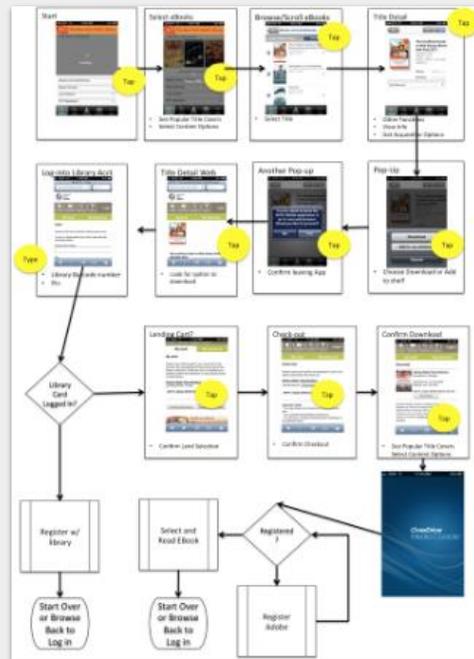
- **Initial copies**
  - Non-fiction: 10
  - Fiction: 10-50 copies  
High-demand fiction is expected to be needed for book club titles and school assignments
- **Hold ratio**
  - 6 holds per copy for e-books until a maximum of 250 copies is purchased
  - After 250 copies of any single title are purchased, TSLAC may attempt to negotiate a statewide license with publishers

## The Fine Details

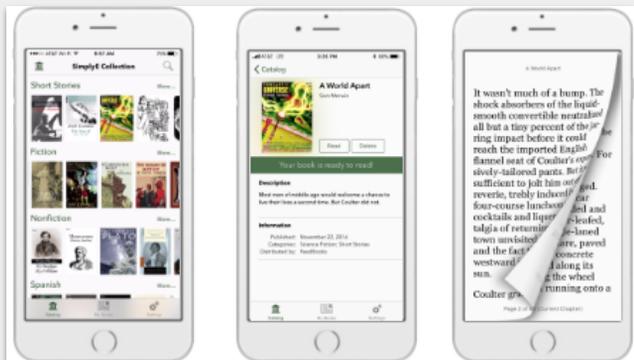
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BiblioBoard (independent publishers)	\$160	1,928	Perpetual	None	Unlimited
DPLA Exchange Perpetual Access	\$15	321	Perpetual	½ metered (26 uses)	1
DPLA Exchange Two-year term, Metered	\$40	123	Two Years	52 uses	1
DPLA Exchange One-year term, Metered (future purchase)	\$36	89	One Year	26 uses	1

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# SimplyE Takes This



# And Creates This



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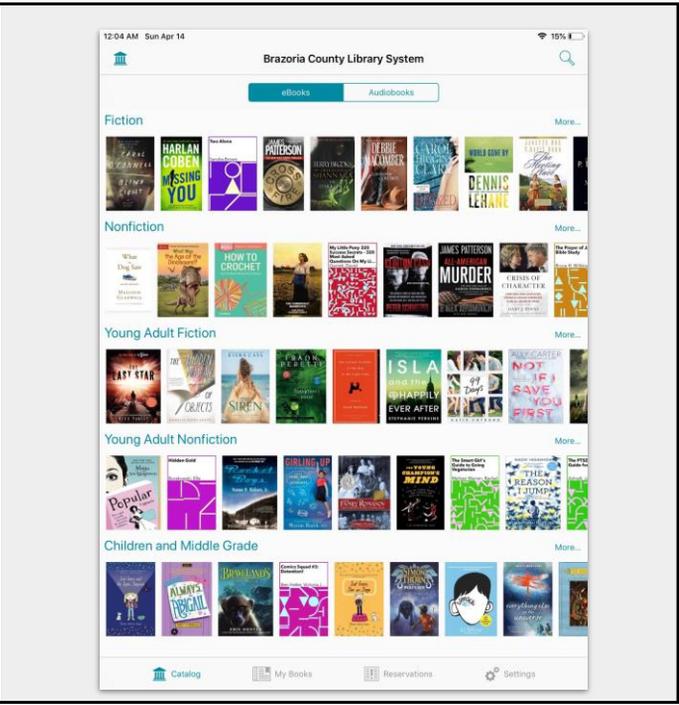
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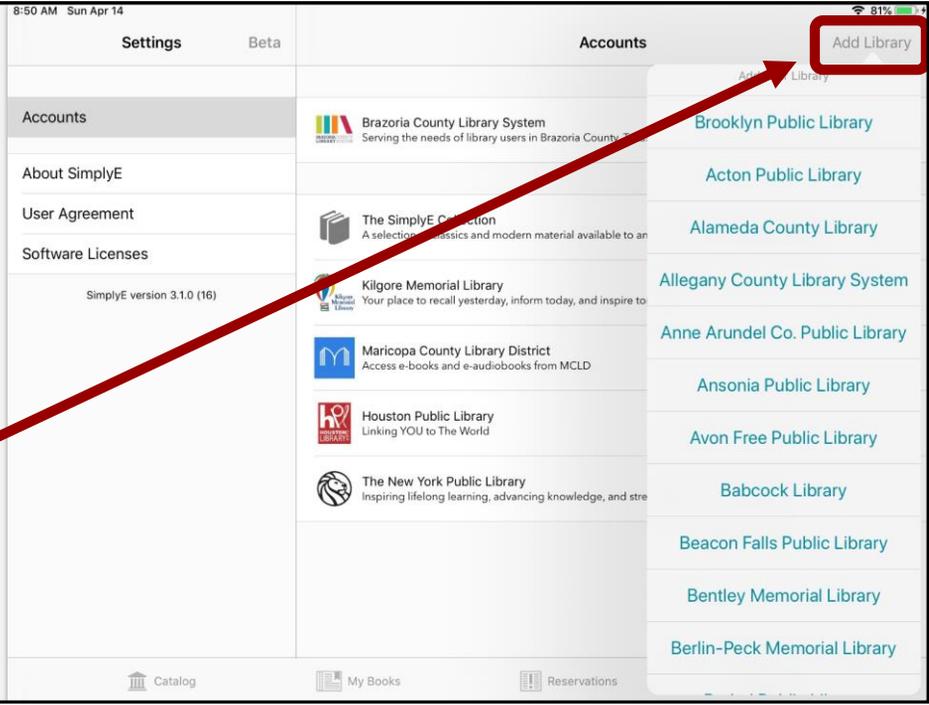




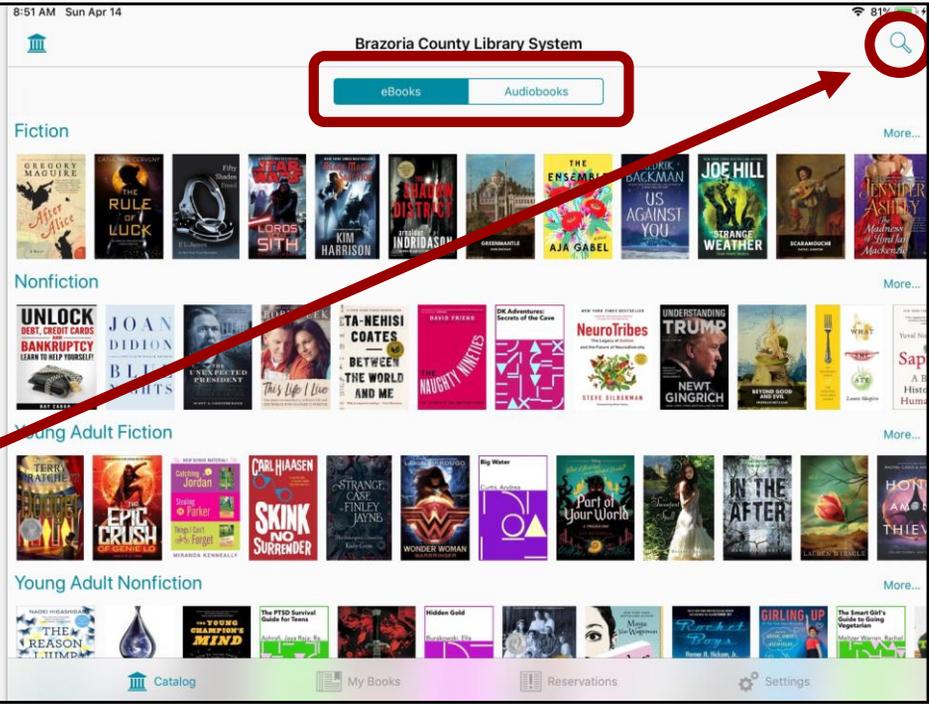
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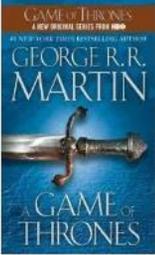


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All eBooks Audiobooks



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Martin, George R. R.

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George R. R. Martin

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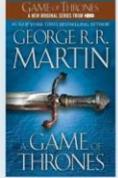
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**A Game of Thrones**  
A Song of Ice and Fire: Book One  
Martin, George R. R.

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This book is available to borrow.

**Description**  
NOW THE ACCLAIMED HBO SERIES *GAME OF THRONES*

**Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read***

**Information**  
Published: December 31, 2002  
Publisher: Random House Publishing Group  
Categories: Science Fiction; Epic Fantasy; Adventure  
Distributed by: Bibliotheca

**George R. R. Martin**

A Game of Thrones  
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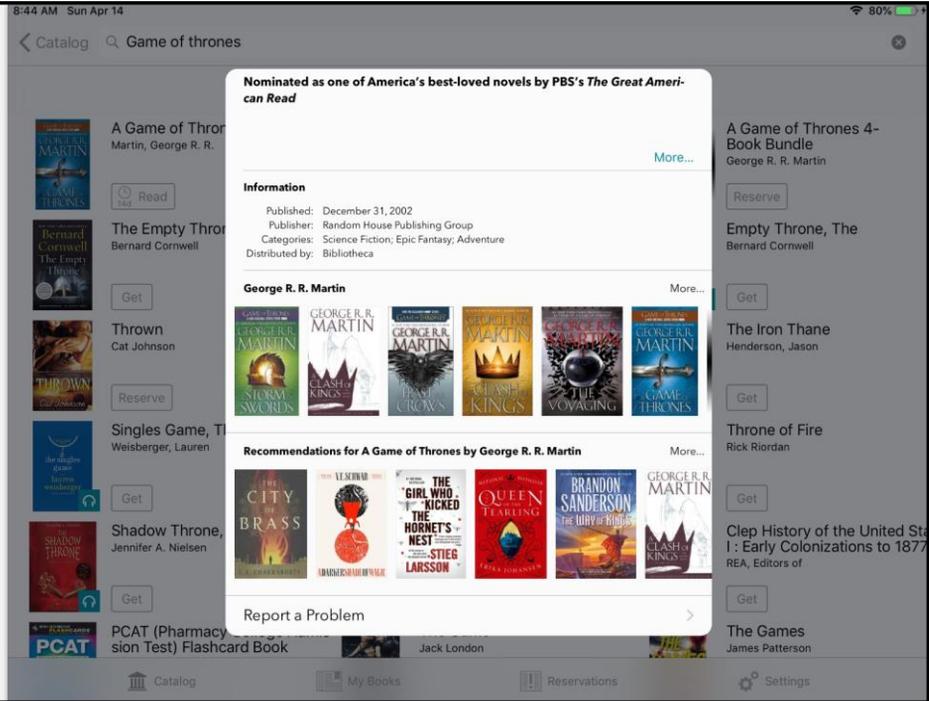
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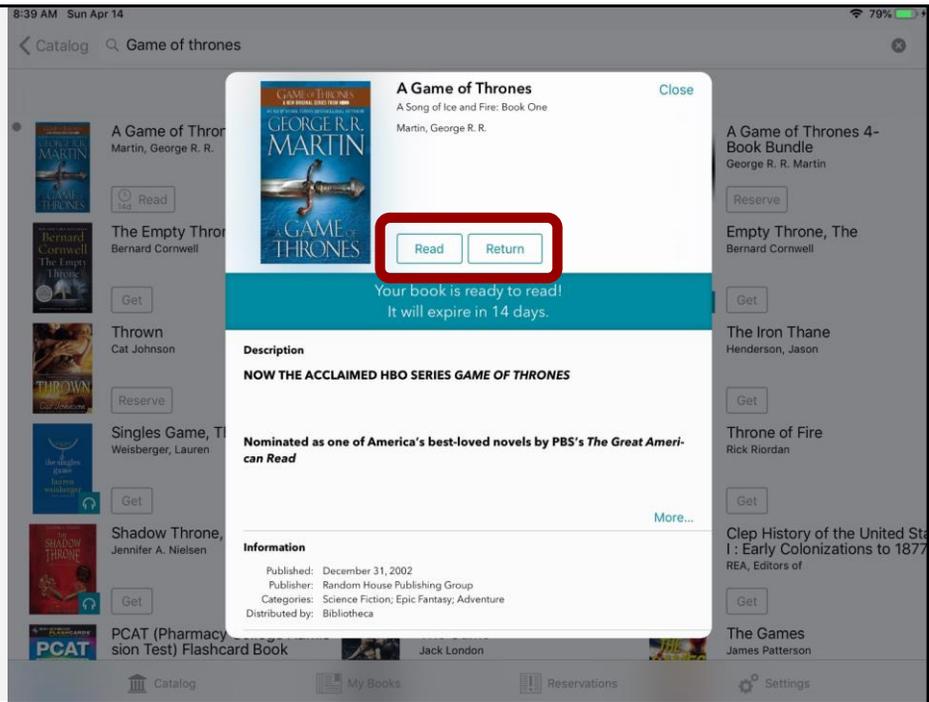
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# Novelist Integration



# Checkout



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dropped to his knees. The other two kept to their mounts. Khal Drogo groaned, struggling in Dany's arms. "Must ride. Ride. No." "He fell from his horse," Haggio said, staring down. His broad face was impassive, but his voice was leaden. "You must not say that," Dany told him. "We have ridden far enough today. We will camp here." "Here?" Haggio looked around them. The land was brown and sere, inhospitable. "This is no camping ground." "It is not for a woman to

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Harden, Marcia Gay

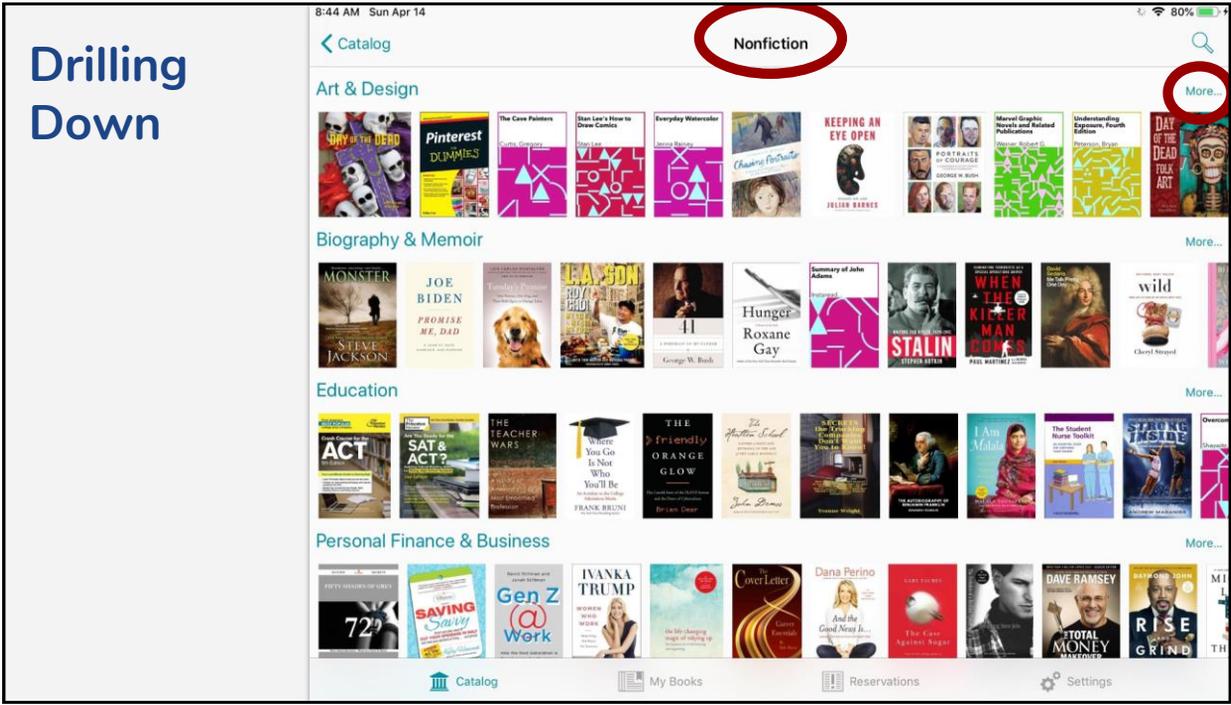
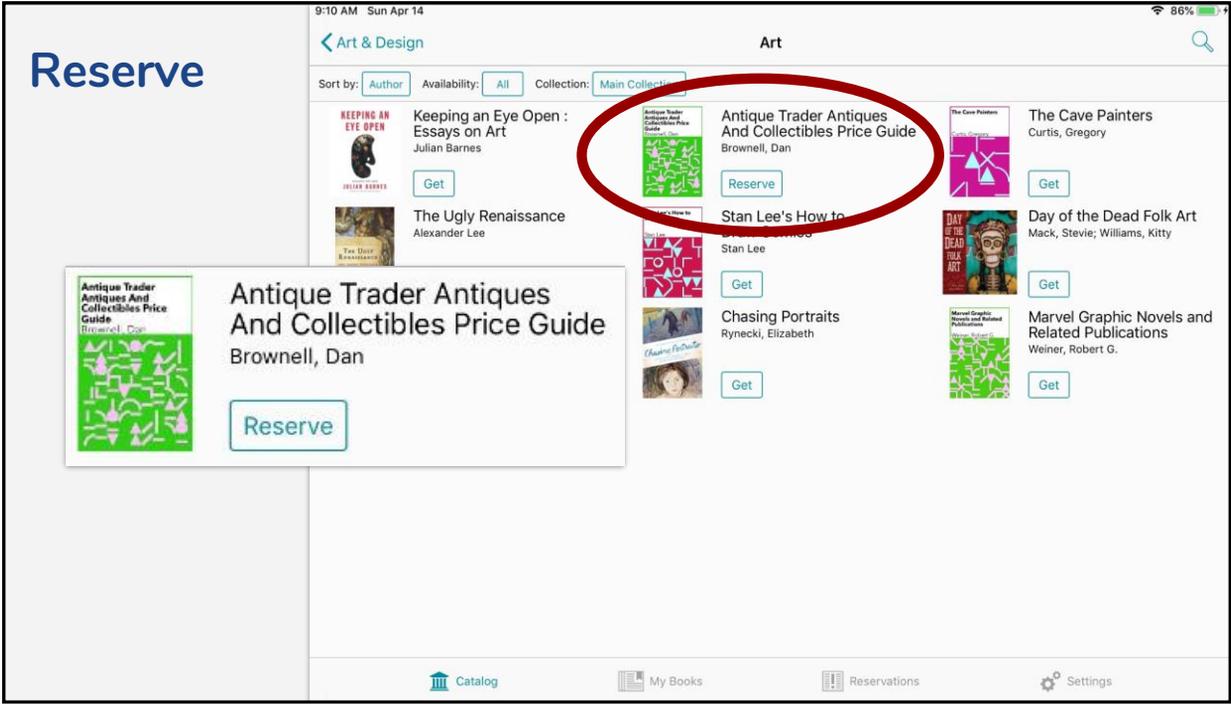
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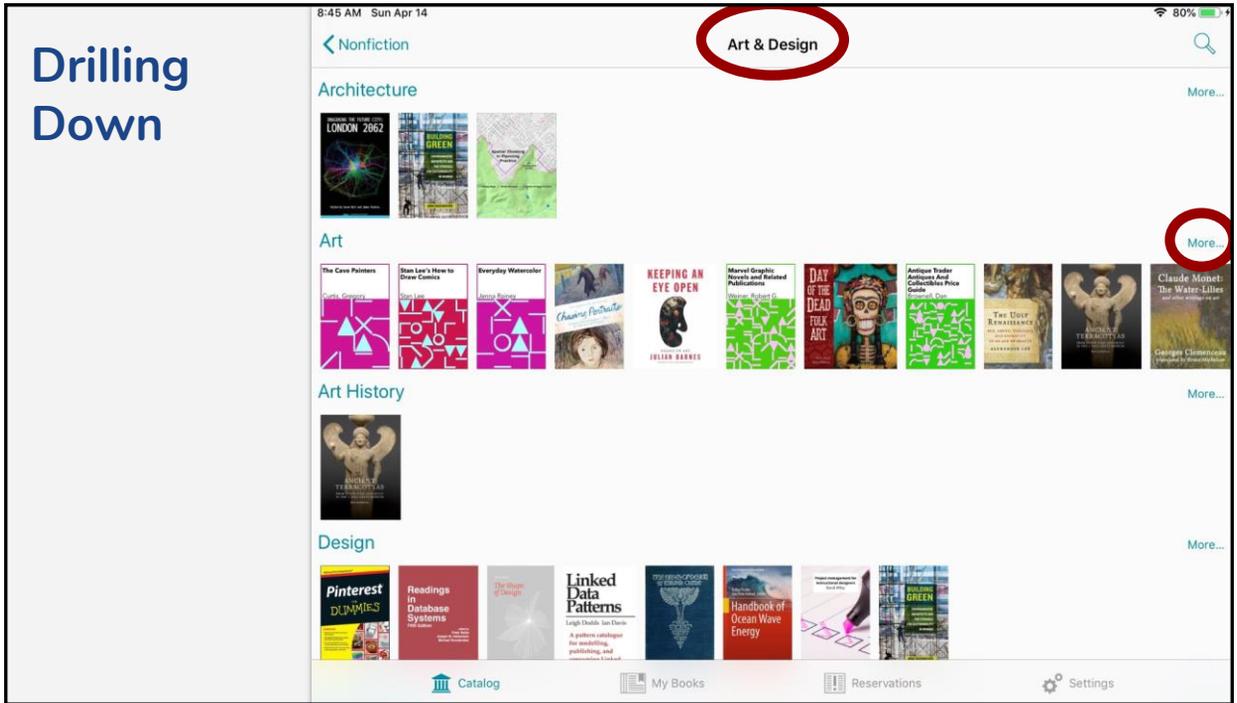
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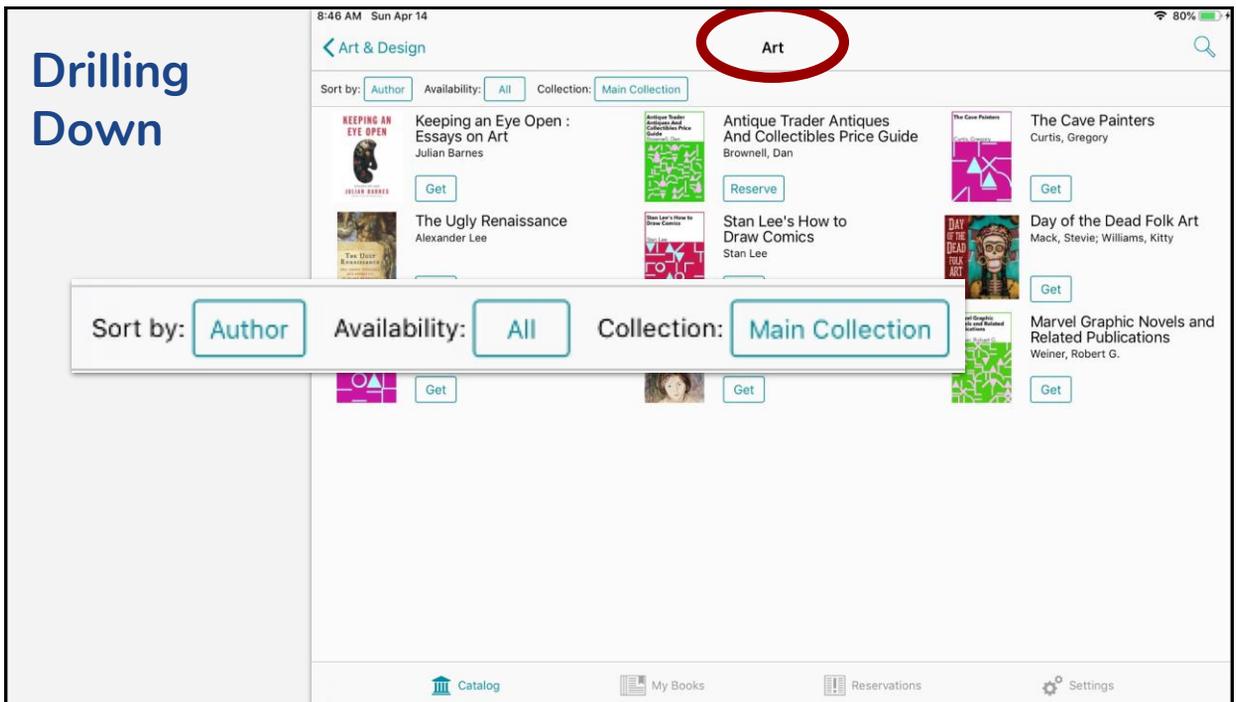
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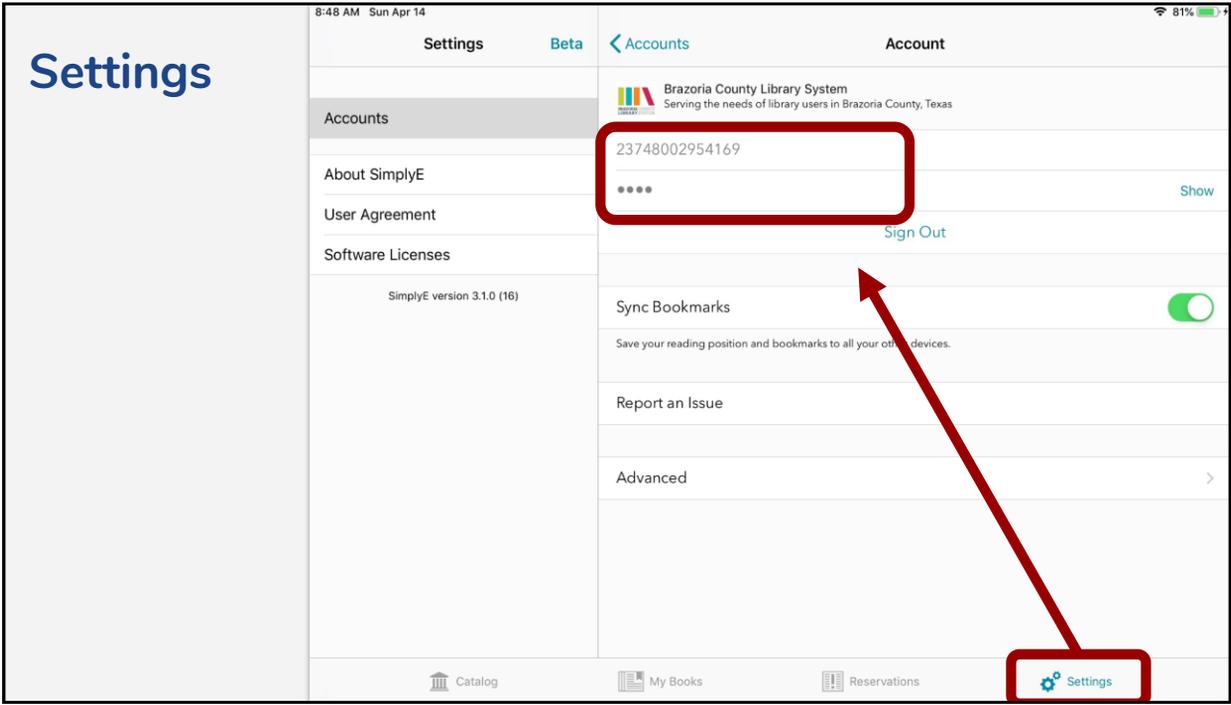
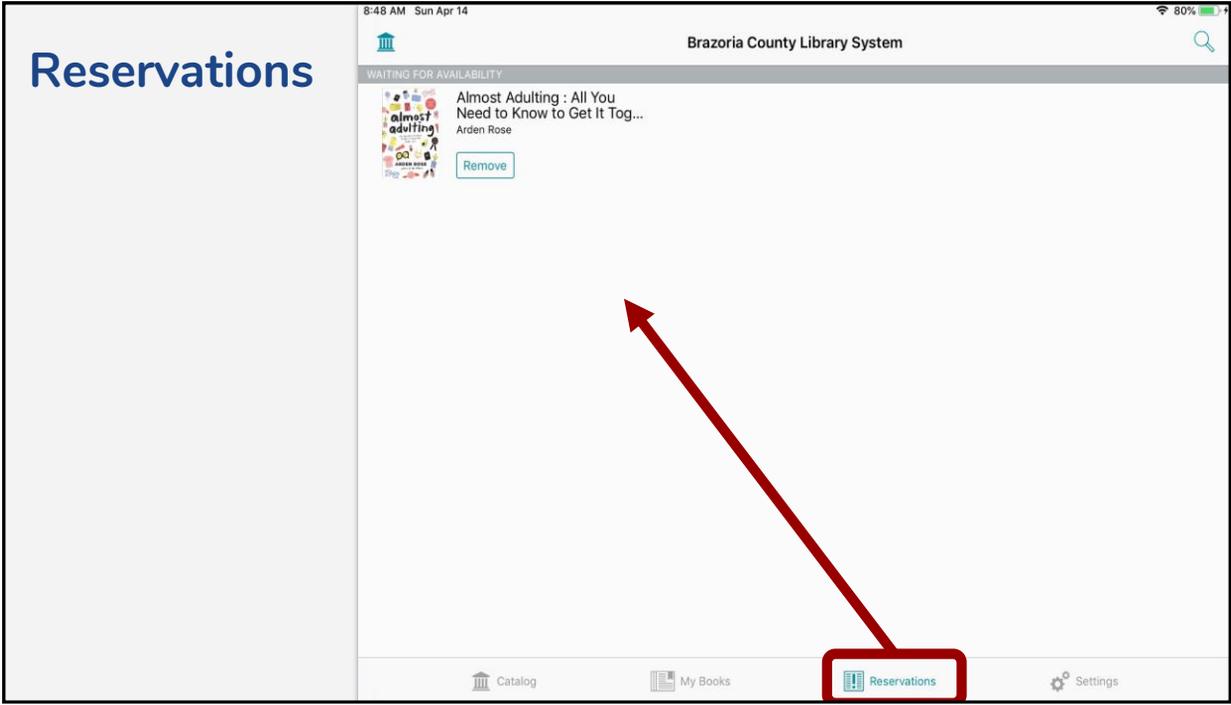
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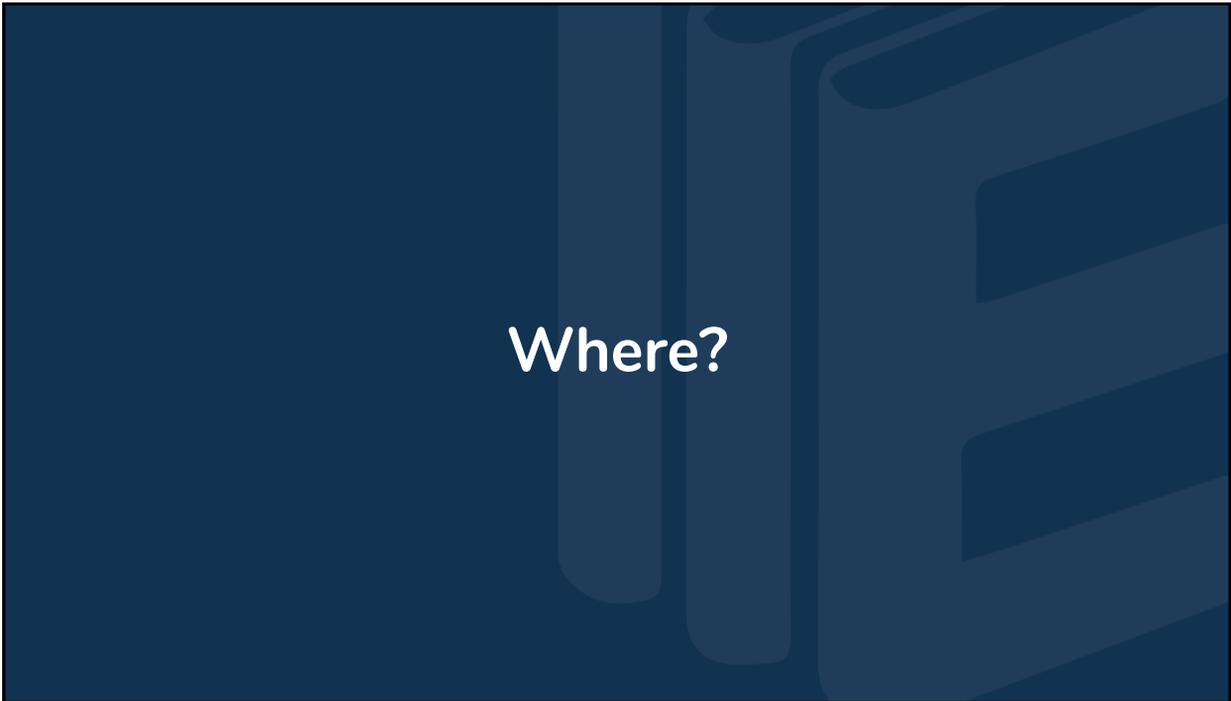
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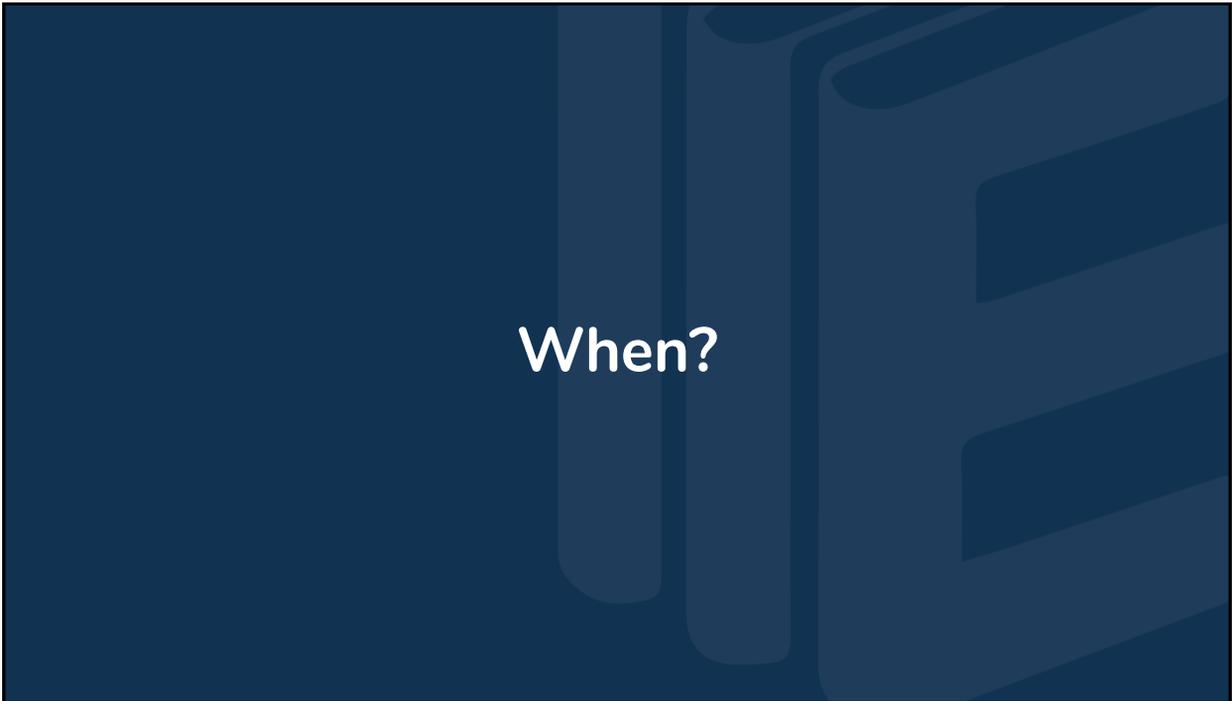
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- Happens at the end of this next biennium?



## Where?

## Where . . .

- Do my ebooks live?
- Are my statistics?
- Do I get help?
- Is the money coming from?



When?

## When . . .

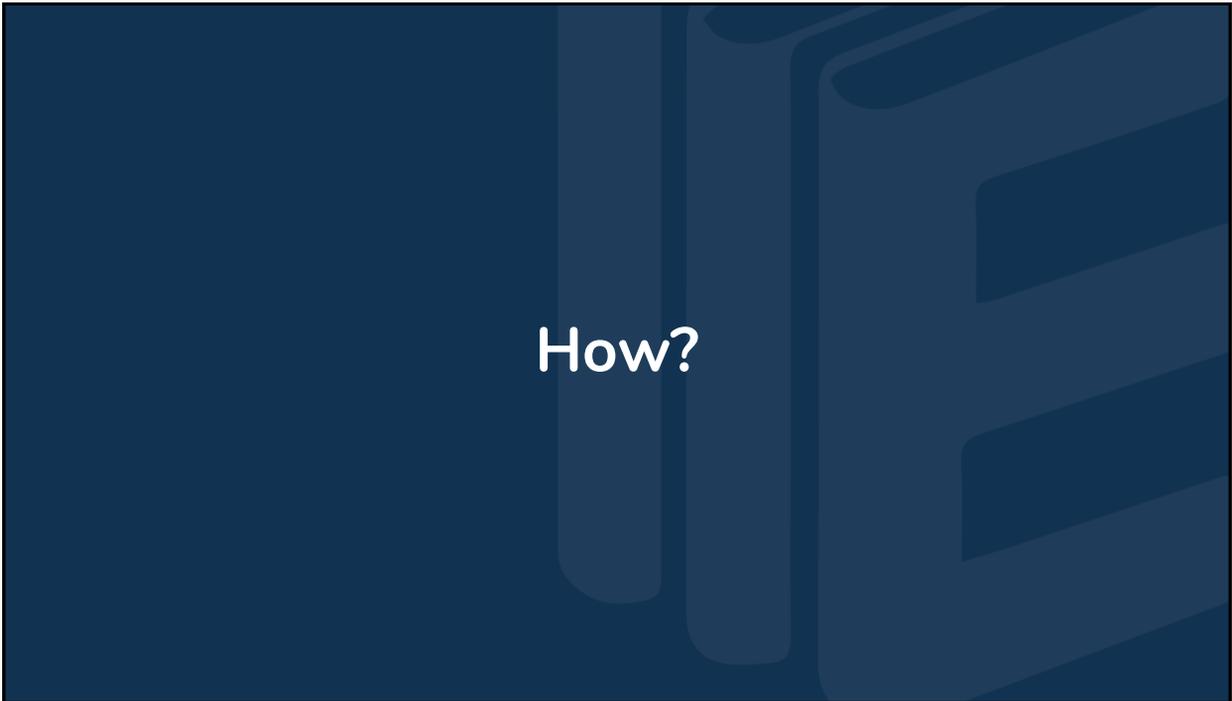
- Can we start?
- Does it end?
- Do you need information from me?



Why?

## Why . . .

- Now?
- Why did it take so long?
- Why SimplyE?



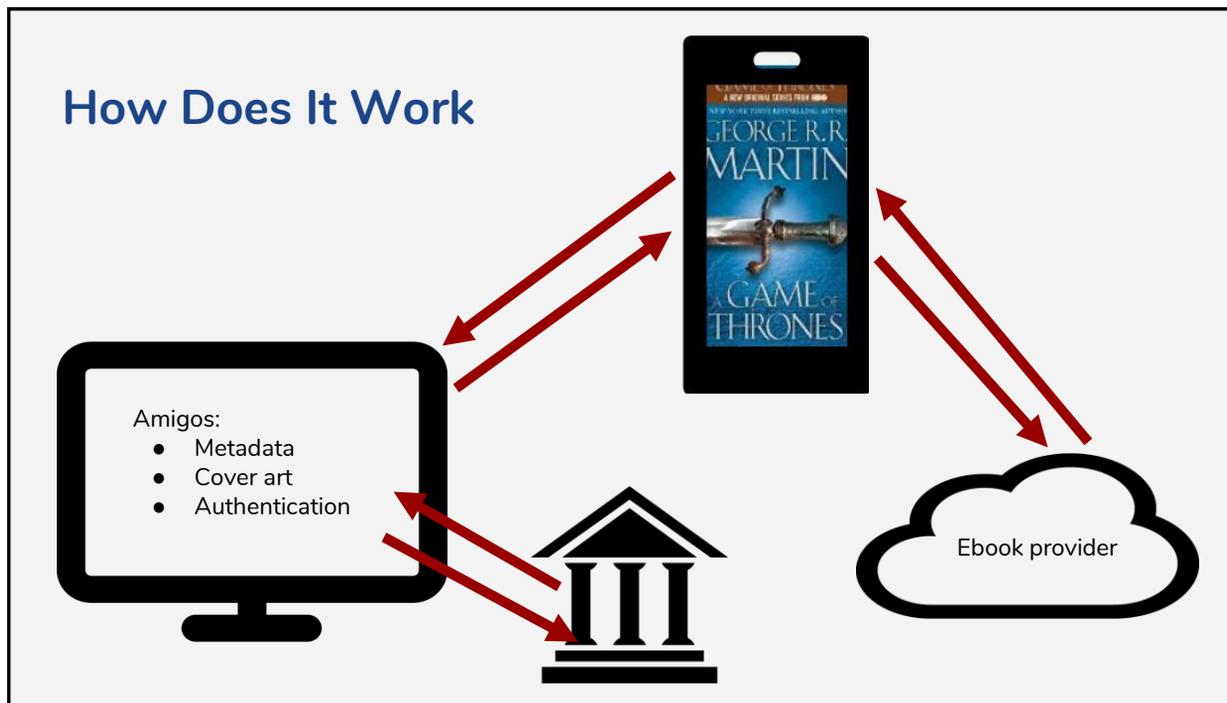
How?

## How . . .

- Will it work?
- Does SimplyE work?
- Will patrons get help?
- Will my staff and I get help?
- Will I know when the app is updated?

## How Will It Work?

- Annual Assembly meeting & webinar to gauge interest
- Library staff download SimplyE app and play with SimplyE Collection
- Signed agreement between Amigos and library
- Complete & submit form with basic library information for Amigos
- Amigos contacts (most) ebook vendors for set up
- Library tests app; works with Amigos
- Library publicizes app to patrons regularly over next 2 years
- TSLAC, Amigos and libraries communicate throughout



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# Introducing SimplyE

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# Current & Future Christine

## Currently . . .

- Libraries testing; some implementation
- Active development
- Hosting available through Amigos & Lyrasis
- Web-based SimplyE underway
- DPLA Exchange



## Future . . .

- OverDrive audiobooks
- PDF support
- Academic patrons
- Geolocation
- Hoopla
- Patron & library instructions/documentation
- Upload locally-created materials
- More content providers

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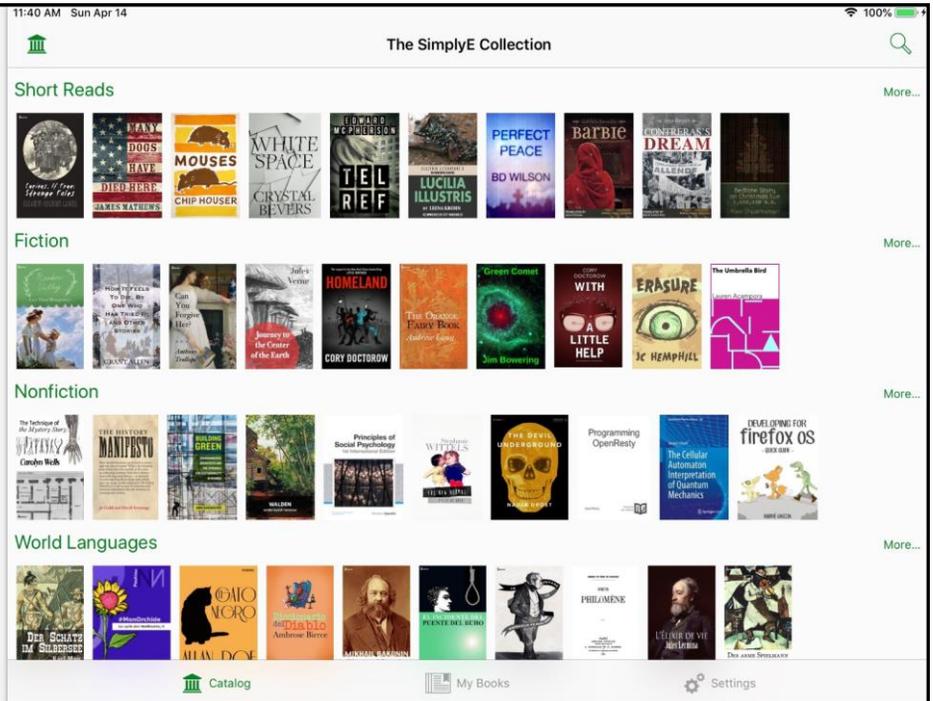
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